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MONDAY, May 12, 2008

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DONALD E. OLSOMMER, SR., of Carley Brook Charge, United Methodist Church, Moscow, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Dear heavenly Father, we ask for a special blessing on this Senate Chamber. We ask that You be present during this afternoon's Session so that You may give the spirit of wisdom and justice for each of the Senators present. May God lift up His hands and bless each of you. We realize the diversity of this Chamber in color, race, creed, religion, and politics, but we also know God's will is so strong that He will unite everyone unto Him. Therefore, we lift our hearts up to heaven. We offer You thanks and praise, who lives and reigns with You in the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Olsommer, who is the guest today of Senator Baker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC TELEVISION NETWORK COMMISSION

May 8, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Evan S. Frazier, 1912 Garick Drive, Pittsburgh 15235, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, to serve until August 17, 2013, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Rev. Loran Mann, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert L. Cupit (Public Member), 1231 Fillmore Street, Philadelphia 19124, Philadelphia County, Second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Papoutsis, Chambersburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James M. Burd (Public Member), 396 Freeport Street, Saxonburg 16056, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kenneth I. Glotfelty, 710 Meadowbrook Road, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Edward J. Little, 115 Bella Vista Drive, P.O. Box 414, Murrysville 15668, Westmoreland County, Fortyfrist [sic] Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Frank M. Snyder II, 420 Ann Street, Reynoldsville 15851, Jefferson County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until June 13, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John S. Detrick, Carlisle, resigned.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anthony J. Kilker, P.O. Box 221, Oneida 18242, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Schuylkill, Magisterial District 21-3-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice William A. Slezosky, resigned.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

SECRETARY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

May 8, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 30, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as Secretary of Labor and Industry, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen M. Schmerin, Gibsonia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC TELEVISION NETWORK COMMISSION

May 8, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 31, 2008, for the appointment of Evan S. Frazier, 1912 Garick Drive, Pittsburgh 15235, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, to serve until August 17, 2013, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Rev. Loran Mann, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Allentown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Berrier, Allentown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Allentown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice L. Jack Bradt, Easton, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DANVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Danville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gregory Wisloski, Ranshaw, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Bastek, Reading, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Margaret Breitenstein Papadopoulos, Chincoteague, Virginia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Hafer, Harrisburg, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Annette L. Strite, Carlisle, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Raymond C. Braun, Jr., Camp Hill, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MAYVIEW STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Mayview State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frances Cohen-Knoerdel, Venetia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MAYVIEW STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Mayview State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dale M. Miller, Bridgeville, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until June 13, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John S. Detrick, Carlisle, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari (Public Member), 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Burd, Saxonburg, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Dauphin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Herman Krevsky, Harrisburg, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Delaware County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Ellen Balchunis-Harris, Ph.D., Drexel Hill, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Delaware County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Andrew A. Oronzi, Primos, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ELK COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Elk County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Burton Shaver, Ridgway, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ELK COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Elk County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles W. Constable, Johnsonburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ELK COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Elk County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rose Heindl, Ridgway, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Erie County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice LaWanda Bender-Goodwine, North East, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Erie County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Nesbit, Washington, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Fayette County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Norman J. Davis, Republic, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Fayette County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Reverend DewVaul W. Tracy, Jr., Lake Lynn, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Fayette County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald Miller II, Uniontown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Fayette County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Anthony Perna, Uniontown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Forest County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Reverend Anette V. Gerber, Wattsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Forest County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Phyllis C. Skinner, Pleasantville, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Forest County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Clyde Holmes, Tionesta, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Forest County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gordon Nygren, Tionesta, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Karl Thompson, Shippensburg, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marie Baughman, Shippensburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David S. Boozer, Chambersburg, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles W. Frame III, Waynesboro, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FULTON COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Fulton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathleen Zimmerman, Warfordsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Fulton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Katie Anderton, McConnellsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE GREENE COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Greene County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Thomas, Waynesburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE GREENE COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Greene County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Peter Rameas, Waynesburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE HUNTINGDON COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Huntingdon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joann Condellone, Huntingdon, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE HUNTINGDON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Huntingdon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Beverly Gusler, James Creek, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE HUNTINGDON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Huntingdon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Parsons, Blair Mills, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jacquelyn Everitt, Mifflintown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Esther E. Rhine, Mifflintown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carlen D. McClure, Port Royal, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY **BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Fred N. Noble, Honey Grove, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank Grecco, Carbondale, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice George Yavorek, Eynon, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dominick Famularo, Carbondale, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Fred Donnini, Olyphant, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

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EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Schuylkill, Magisterial District 21-3-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice William A. Slezosky, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

CORRECTION TO NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

May 8, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Please note the nomination dated April 29, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Edward Tomeszko, 4 Princeton Eugene Lane, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Robert C. Wonderling, Lansdale, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Edward <u>Tomezsko</u>, 4 <u>Prince</u> Eugene Lane, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Robert C. Wonderling, Lansdale, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

May 12, 2008

HB 2297 -- Committee on Finance.

HB 2345 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following Senate Bills numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which were read by the Clerk:

May 12, 2008

Senators McILHINNEY and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair SB 1398, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in appeals to court, further providing for intervention.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, May 12, 2008.

Senators PIPPY, KITCHEN, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, CORMAN, FUMO, GORDNER, LOGAN, BROWNE, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, MADIGAN, ROBBINS, COSTA, A. WILLIAMS, C. WILLIAMS, PUNT, RHOADES, WOZNIAK, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC, STOUT, STACK, PILEGGI, GREENLEAF, LAVALLE and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 1400, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, providing for the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AF-FAIRS AND HOUSING, May 12, 2008.

Senators RHOADES, PIPPY, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, FERLO, COSTA, PILEGGI, GORDNER, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, TOMLINSON, KITCHEN, MUSTO, A. WILLIAMS, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1401**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, establishing a foreclosure prevention program; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AF-FAIRS AND HOUSING, May 12, 2008.

Senators PIPPY and RHOADES presented to the Chair SB 1402, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AF-FAIRS AND HOUSING, May 12, 2008.

Senators GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, EARLL, KASUNIC, COSTA, FERLO, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, LOGAN, RHOADES, WASHINGTON, STACK and A. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 1403, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further defining "unfair or deceptive acts or practices"; and further providing for unlawful acts or practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 12, 2008.

Senator MUSTO presented to the Chair SB 1406, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1988 (P.L.1915, No.193), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Agriculture, to convey and confirm two tracts of land located in Penn Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, to Randall W. Bailey and Ellen S. Bailey, his wife, and Rick L. Bailey and Kathy A. Bailey, his wife; authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to convey a tract of land located in Logan Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, to Joseph A. Grappone, H. Zane Helsel and Augusto N. Delerme, as tenants in common; authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to convey to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund a tract of land situate in Plains Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Public Welfare, to convey to Nevillewood Associates, L.P., 75.346 acres of land, more or less, situate in Collier Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania," further providing for required clauses in deeds of conveyance.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, May 12, 2008.

Senators MUSTO, FERLO, STOUT, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, PUNT, MELLOW, WONDERLING, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, EARLL, WASHINGTON and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 1407, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), known as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act, further providing for legislative intent, for definitions and for financial assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 12, 2008.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following Senate Resolution numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which was read by the Clerk:

May 12, 2008

Senators McILHINNEY, TOMLINSON, WONDERLING and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair SR 322, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Lenape Valley Foundation on its 50th anniversary.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, May 12, 2008.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator ARMSTRONG, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bills:

SB 584 (Pr. No. 1636) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, authorizing the establishment of problem-solving courts.

SB 1093 (Pr. No. 2038) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1804, No.600), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment of police pension funds or pension annuities in certain boroughs, towns and townships; authorizing the establishment of police pension funds or pension annuities by regional police departments; providing for the regulation and maintenance of police pension funds or pension annuities; providing for an actuary; continuance of existing funds or transfer thereof to funds herein established; prescribing rights of beneficiaries; contributions by members; providing for expenses of administration; continuation of existing authority to provide annuity contracts; credit for military service; refunds; exempting allowances from judicial process; and repealing certain acts," further providing for applicability of certain benefit provisions for certain beneficiaries; and making a related repeal.

SB 1373 (Pr. No. 1965) (Rereported)

An Act providing for an annual allocation of funds to county mental health and mental retardation programs.

HB 775 (Pr. No. 3081) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 11, 1935 (P.L.326, No.149), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of markers, headstones, and flags, and for the compilation of war records," further providing for flags, markers and headstones.

HB 776 (Pr. No. 3082) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for flags and grave markers of certain deceased service persons.

HB 777 (Pr. No. 3083) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for markers on graves and for flags to decorate graves.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator ARMSTRONG, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following resolution:

SR 31 (Pr. No. 2039) (Amended) (Rereported)

A Resolution recognizing the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation as a Pennsylvania Public Health Institute.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Punt and Senator Tomlinson.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests legislative leaves for Senator Punt and Senator Tomlinson.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator O'Pake.

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Washington, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Stout.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests a legislative leave for Senator Washington, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Stout.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WEEKLY RECESS

Senator PILEGGI offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, May 12, 2008

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 2, 2008, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 2, 2008, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator PILEGGI and were as follows, viz:

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NAY-0

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present the same to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Madam President, it is a privilege for me to welcome to this Senate Chamber our Chaplain today, Reverend Don Olsommer, of Moscow in Wayne County, along with his wife, Janet. I have known Don for more than 20 years, and he has served our community in many capacities. He was a county commissioner for Wayne County for more than 20 years. He has been a respected businessman and community leader, and now in his life, he has taken on another challenge, serving as the minister of a four-pastor charge for the United Methodist Church. He is serving the Carley Brook, Girdland, Torrey, and Smith Hill United Methodist Churches. It is my privilege to welcome him to the Senate Chamber today.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Will Reverend Olsommer and his lovely wife, Janet, please rise.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CONSTANCE WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Connie Williams.

Senator C. WILLIAMS. Madam President, today I have representation from Upper Merion High School's Classrooms for the Future. They are in the East Wing, on the first tier, showing their project. I am very proud, because what they picked was to use the technology involved with Classrooms for the Future to do a recycling project. They wanted to see how what they did affected our carbon footprint, and what they did was they tracked and weighed recyclable, reusable paper and figured out that they have kept approximately 6.5 tons of CO₂ out of the atmosphere. So I am very proud of them. I know they are all sophomores. I expect great things from them in the future, and I would like the Senate to give them its usual warm welcome.

I want to announce who they are. I was so interested in their project. Their advisor with them today is Lynda Newhart. In the gallery are Celia Ryan, Kirtirda Patel, Rachel Karen, Andrew Attanasio, Scott Chubb, Geoffrey Rushlau, and still protecting their project in the East Wing is Kristin Hokanson.

The PRESIDENT. Will our students from Upper Merion High School who have their Classrooms for the Future design here in the Capitol please rise so we can welcome you.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DOMINIC F. PILEGGI PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to introduce Dabria Chatman, an eighth grader at Wetherill Middle School in Chester, Delaware County. Dabria was honored this morning at an event sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Resource Family Association and Three Rivers Adoption Council. The sponsored event recognized May as "National Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania, honoring foster families for their dedication and outstanding work with children. Dabria won first place in a 300-word essay contest for fifth through eighth graders entitled, "What Family Means to Me." She will receive an award from the association in recognition of her achievement.

Dabria is here today with her grandmother, Della, and her aunt, Shayla, who are seated in the Senate gallery. Madam President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm welcome to our visitors.

The PRESIDENT. Will Dabria, her aunt, and grandmother all please rise so we can welcome you to the Pennsylvania Capitol. (Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, I actually have three sets of guests to introduce. The first set of guests are members of the Consortium for Health Information and Library Services, CHI. CHI is a nonprofit, resource-sharing network of institutions, hospitals, and college libraries dedicated to meeting the needs of the medical and health science communities. It was conceived by a group of interested librarians in the Delaware Valley in 1976. The consortium was formed with the help of a National Library of Medicine grant, and over the years, CHI has received foundation, State, and Federal funding. CHI is truly a significant part of the information age in the healthcare community.

It is my pleasure to introduce the members of CHI who are with us today, most of whom live in my district: Janet Clinton, who works at and represents Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Darby, PA; Inger Wallin, of Chester County Hospital, West Chester; Ann Marie Zglinicki, of Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia; also with us is Nancy Hillman; Barbara Selletti of Neumann College in Aston; and representing Brandywine Hospital, my wife, Margo Dinniman. Can we give Margo and my other guests a nice round of welcome, Madam President?

The PRESIDENT. Will the guests from the Consortium for Health Information and Library Services, including Mrs. Dinniman, all please rise so we can welcome you to the Senate. (Applause.)

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, the second group of guests I would like to introduce is also in this area of healthcare. They are representatives of HIMSS, a group that Senator Wonderling has been involved with, and he has taken the leadership in this Senate on this issue of medical information services. Here today from the PA Healthcare Information Management Systems Society, as part of their Healthcare Information Technology Advocacy Day, first, from my district, Mark Stevens, who is the event coordinator; also, Bruce Marcolongo, who is the Delaware Valley Chapter president; and Barry Ross, who is the Western PA Chapter president, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Will the representatives of HIMSS please rise.

(Applause.)

Senator DINNIMAN. And lastly, Madam President, as my third guest today, we are honored to have a Page for the day. Our Page for the day, if she could stand up, is Hannah Holliday. Hannah is a senior at Conestoga High School in Tredyffrin-Easttown School District, and they do a wonderful thing at that high school. Every student, before graduation, has to spend 3 weeks working in the real world and gaining that work experience. Hannah is going off to Johns Hopkins University this fall to major in international studies. So could we please give a good welcome to our Page for the day, Hannah Holliday.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Will Hannah Holliday please rise. (Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN EICHELBERGER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Madam President, it is a privilege for me to introduce a group of about 28 students and their teachers and some administration staff from Bedford High School in Bedford, Pennsylvania. The students are grades 9 to 11, and they are here with the program Classrooms for the Future. They focused on a number of issues in their presentation, which is in the upper level of the East Wing Rotunda, and some of the projects include World Genocide, Windmill and Coal Energy, Romeo and Juliet, and The Invisible Man. Daniel Webb is their principal, and Dr. Glenn Thompson is the superintendent of the school, and I ask the Senate for its usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Will Daniel Webb, Dr. Thompson, and Senator Eichelberger's guests from the Bedford High School's Classrooms for the Future please rise so we can welcome you. (Applause.)

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose, first, of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator O'Pake.

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request that the Democrats report to our caucus room after the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Stout has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1389, HB 239, SB 1028 and HB 1281 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

SB 1297 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 395 (Pr. No. 2020) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for abuse identification training.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 472 (Pr. No. 547) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program; and providing for State grants.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 503 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 536 (Pr. No. 2018) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for dog purchaser protection.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 615 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1044 (Pr. No. 3639) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission and for police training.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tomlinson has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

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BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1116 (Pr. No. 1770) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for duration of a listing.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

SB 1277 (Pr. No. 1767) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in disruptive student programs, further defining "applicant."

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

SB 1281 (Pr. No. 2021) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for residence and right to free school privileges.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1283 and SB 1285 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 1317 (Pr. No. 2019) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing incentives to persons who plant and harvest bioenergy crops to be used exclusively to produce cellulosic ethanol as an alternative motor vehicle fuel; and making an appropriation.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 1350 (Pr. No. 1971) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of a searchable budget database-driven Internet website detailing certain information concerning taxpayer investments.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1422 (Pr. No. 3699) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, codifying the Public Eating and Drinking Place Law and the Food Act; providing for the protection of public health and for regulations; requiring licensing; further providing for food employee certification and for farmers' market; providing for penalties; and making related repeals.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator ROBBINS, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Allentown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Berrier, Allentown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Allentown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice L. Jack Bradt, Easton, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DANVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Danville

State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gregory Wisloski, Ranshaw, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Bastek, Reading, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Margaret Breitenstein Papadopoulos, Chincoteague, Virginia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Hafer, Harrisburg, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Annette L. Strite, Carlisle, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Raymond C. Braun, Jr., Camp Hill, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

SECRETARY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

May 8, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 30, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as Secretary of Labor and Industry, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen M. Schmerin, Gibsonia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MAYVIEW STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Mayview State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frances Cohen-Knoerdel, Venetia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MAYVIEW STATE HOSPITAL

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Mayview State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dale M. Miller, Bridgeville, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC TELEVISION NETWORK COMMISSION

May 8, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 31, 2008, for the appointment of Evan S. Frazier, 1912 Garick Drive, Pittsburgh 15235, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, to serve until August 17, 2013, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Rev. Loran Mann, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Dauphin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Herman Krevsky, Harrisburg, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Delaware County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Ellen Balchunis-Harris, Ph.D., Drexel Hill, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Delaware County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Andrew A. Oronzi, Primos, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ELK COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Elk County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Burton Shaver, Ridgway, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ELK COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Elk County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles W. Constable, Johnsonburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ELK COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Elk County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rose Heindl, Ridgway, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Erie County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice LaWanda Bender-Goodwine, North East, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Erie County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Nesbit, Washington, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Fayette County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Norman J. Davis, Republic, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Fayette County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Reverend DewVaul W. Tracy, Jr., Lake Lynn, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Fayette County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald Miller II, Uniontown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Fayette County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Anthony Perna, Uniontown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Forest County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Reverend Anette V. Gerber, Wattsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Forest County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Phyllis C. Skinner, Pleasantville, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Forest County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Clyde Holmes, Tionesta, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Forest County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gordon Nygren, Tionesta, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Karl Thompson, Shippensburg, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marie Baughman, Shippensburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David S. Boozer, Chambersburg, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles W. Frame III, Waynesboro, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Fulton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathleen Zimmerman, Warfordsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Fulton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Katie Anderton, McConnellsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Greene County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Thomas, Waynesburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Greene County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Peter Rameas, Waynesburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE HUNTINGDON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Huntingdon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joann Condellone, Huntingdon, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE HUNTINGDON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Huntingdon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Beverly Gusler, James Creek, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE HUNTINGDON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Huntingdon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Parsons, Blair Mills, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jacquelyn Everitt, Mifflintown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Willis E. Kauffman, Mifflintown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Esther E. Rhine, Mifflintown, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carlen D. McClure, Port Royal, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Juniata County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Fred N. Noble, Honey Grove, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank Grecco, Carbondale, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice George Yavorek, Eynon, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dominick Famularo, Carbondale, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Fred Donnini, Olyphant, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of

nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator ROBBINS, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nomination made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

February 20, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary Esther V. Van Shura, Ed.D., 411 Olympia Road, Pittsburgh 15211, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I request that the nomination just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nomination will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS,

That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a certain nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

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On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator ROBBINS and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Armstrong	Fontana	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Baker	Fumo	Orie	Tomlinson
Boscola	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Pippy	Waugh
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	White, Donald
Costa	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Mary Jo
Dinniman	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Rhoades	Williams, Constance
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wonderling
Erickson	McIlhinney	Scarnati	Wozniak
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	
Folmer	Musto	Stout	

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator PILEGGI, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bill:

HB 872 (Pr. No. 3591) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 1017, known as Lycoming Creek Road, over Bottle Run, Old Lycoming Township, Lycoming County, as the John Gross Memorial Bridge; and redesignating the bridge on State Route 36 in the Borough of Mahaffey, Clearfield County, as the PFC Melvin L. Brown Memorial Bridge.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators FUMO, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, WASHING-TON, FONTANA, TOMLINSON, STOUT, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, ORIE, PUNT, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, COSTA, GREENLEAF, LOGAN, PILEGGI, WONDERLING, DINNIMAN, HUGHES, A. WILLIAMS, PIPPY, STACK, KITCHEN, EARLL, RHOADES and ARMSTRONG, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 328, entitled:

A Resolution extending congratulations on the 275th anniversary of the founding of Old St. Joseph's Church.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Hugh Stephen Harris and to Lincoln Chamberlain by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ronald M. Achey by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carl Ellerman and to Darlene Leonard by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Penn Hills Senior Service Center by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mae G. Fallows and to James G. McCormick, Jr., by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Anthony J. Legarski and to the Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Lawrence Ferry by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Maurice A. Davis, Victoria Solomon and to Frank Podietz by Senator Green-leaf

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Doylestown Airport by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Albright Memorial Library by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Prater by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sun Rich Fresh Foods, Inc., of Reading, by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kids Day America/International of Butler County by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kellin Casey by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to R. James Macaleer by Senator Pileggi and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leo Euker by Senator Rafferty and Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rose Dalicandro by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce M. Altland and to Anna Molacavage by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Beals, Lauren Dale and to Dean Bauer by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George M. Broaddus, William Cook, Timothy Potteiger, Michael Garretson, Marie V. Calaman, Marjorie Horning, John Wurster, Colin G. Stoner and to Michael J. Murray by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Henrietta Blum by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Redeemed Christian Church of God of Philadelphia by Senator A.H. Williams

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kearns and to Corey A. Bibby by Senator Wozniak.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, on Wednesday, May 7, I attended a memorial service in my district for Philadelphia Police Officer Gary Skerski. Officer Skerski was fatally wounded on May 8, 2006, while responding to a robbery in progress. The killer's weapon of choice was a sawed-off shotgun, easily concealed inside his overcoat. Officer Skerski was a 16-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department, and he left behind a wife and two children.

On October 31, 2007, Philadelphia Police Officer Chuck Cassidy was shot at point-blank range during yet another robbery. His assailant brandished a handgun. Officer Cassidy had a wife and three children.

And just 1 week ago this past Saturday, the city of Philadelphia lost another hero. Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski was fatally wounded while in pursuit of three robbery suspects. Sergeant Liczbinski was assassinated by a career criminal firing a Chinese-made SKS assault rifle. In the getaway vehicle was a .22-caliber handgun stolen and sold for drugs. That handgun was stolen from the home of someone not too far away from here in nearby Duncannon and ended up in the hands of three killers in Philadelphia.

Madam President, there were 52,432 violent crimes reported in Pennsylvania police departments in 2006. Firearms were used in 15,288 of those violent crimes. I think we are safe in saying that most, if not all, crimes were committed with firearms not legally registered to the perpetrators. Yes, we have laws that currently deal with illegal use of firearms, and yes, criminals do not abide by those rules. Well, Madam President, it is obvious that the current laws are both ineffective and not a deterrent.

We need to reevaluate our gun laws in Pennsylvania. I, along with my colleagues, have introduced legislation that could have considerable impact on gun violence without infringing upon rights protected by the second amendment. Laws that require registration of firearms require reporting the sale or transfer of firearms to regulate the possession or sale of assault weapons, regulate the number of firearms an individual can purchase within a specified time period, and require a permit. All of these can help turn the tide of gun violence.

Madam President, it is no longer good enough to say that we have enough laws and that they just need to be enforced. That is not good enough for the families of Officer Skerski, Officer Cassidy, and Officer Liczbinski, and it is not good enough for me. Madam President, I am calling upon my colleagues to step up for the law-abiding citizens of the Commonwealth. It is time we take back our streets and take back our neighborhoods from those who terrorize us with violence associated with illegal firearms. We can no longer hide behind the problem of the second amendment. Let us look at the legislation before us, put up a vote, and hold public hearings. Let us do the job we were sent here to do before another police officer or innocent citizen becomes another gun violence statistic.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. I ask the Senate to rise for a moment of silence for the three officers who lost their lives, Gary Skerski, Chuck Cassidy, and Stephen Liczbinski.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Officers GARY SKERSKI, CHUCK CASSIDY, and STEPHEN LICZBINSKI.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Stack.

Senator STACK. Madam President, the economy is certainly not helping Pennsylvania's families combat their healthcare difficulties. As energy bills, gas prices, and mortgage foreclosures climb, so does the number of uninsured. Pennsylvania has more than 700,000 uninsured residents. According to a recent University of Minnesota study, health insurance premiums have increased by 30 percent from 2001 to 2005, 10 times faster than personal income. Some people are delaying visits to the doctor and putting off preventive care because they are having trouble keeping up with basic expenses. A sudden illness for a substantial number of these 700,000 uninsured Pennsylvanians could lead to unnecessary suffering and even bankruptcy. The economic slowdown is also threatening millions of people who have insurance but find that the coverage is too limited or that they cannot afford their own share of the medical costs.

Medical expenses are much higher than they used to be. Those who do have insurance are struggling to pay higher premiums, deductibles, and copayments. And even though they are paying more, their coverage is far less extensive. About 6.5 percent of insurance premiums paid by businesses and individuals goes just to cover the cost of healthcare for the uninsured. As a result, every Pennsylvanian pays for uninsured Pennsylvanians.

Additionally, we all pay for the uninsured when they do not receive the preventive care that they need and they go to the emergency rooms - as we all know, the most expensive place for healthcare. Philadelphia hospitals provided \$162 million in uncompensated care in 2006. Hospitals are having what they call higher debt loads because of these preventable ER visits.

In America, 18,000 people die each year because they cannot afford healthcare, and this is according to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Many more get sick and become even sicker. The lost economic value of the uninsured in America is between \$65 billion and \$130 billion a year, while providing insurance is estimated to cost a mere \$30 billion to \$60 billion. Continued lack of action in adopting a program to cover the uninsured means ever-increasing healthcare costs, and it could end catastrophically.

We have talked on the floor about the Governor's Cover All Pennsylvanians program, as well as Pennsylvania Access to Basic Care, or the PA ABC program. All of these plans would make affordable health coverage available to hundreds of thousands of uninsured Pennsylvanians. The Majority Senate Policy Committee held a hearing last week to evaluate healthcare cost drivers and ways to reduce the costs. That was a welcome hearing, and I salute my colleagues on that. It is one that I believe adds value to our healthcare discussions. The Presidential candidates have also offered plans and proposals to address this very important issue.

I do not think any of us in this Chamber have a silver bullet or have the grand idea to solve the healthcare problems we face. However, I believe we share a resolve to help the people of our State. I am hopeful that, by the time we break for this summer, we can develop a bipartisan plan to address these difficult issues. I am ready to face the healthcare crisis head-on, with bold action instead of political posturing. Let us work together, and let us work to help the uninsured of Pennsylvania.

Over the next few weeks, I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this done. I have said in the past, Madam President, that I am impressed by the talent of this Chamber. I know that when we work together, we can get it done.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Stack, for your petition on healthcare for Pennsylvania.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Madam President, as we continue to debate how our Commonwealth will address its healthcare problems, I want to both thank Senator Corman for holding a Republican Policy Committee hearing on this important issue and to recap some of the insights that were offered to those who were not able to attend that hearing. The Commonwealth Foundation noted that our existing healthcare system is overregulated and encumbered by governmental interference. More government will simply add additional costs, and there will not be enough money to sustain such a system, resulting in failure and rationing of healthcare, as has been seen in other nations taking this approach.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau cautioned the General Assembly to, and I quote, "do no harm in addressing our healthcare problems." Farm families, like other Pennsylvanians, are finding it extremely difficult to afford health insurance, and even when they are able to find it, farmers are unable to increase the prices of their products to cover rising costs like health insurance.

The Pennsylvania Chamber noted that existing mandates are adding costs to the system, as is the lack of meaningful tort reforms, such as the reenactment of the Fair Share Act relating to joint and several liability. The NFIB said that, of the nearly 1 million Pennsylvanians without health insurance, it is estimated that nearly two-thirds are small business owners, their workers, or their dependents. And the House-passed plan to expand coverage is not the answer, with its calls for higher taxes and more government interference or involvement.

The insurance agents and brokers talked about being in the trenches, trying to find health insurance for people, and their fears that Access to Basic Care and Cover All Pennsylvanians will increase both utilization and costs, which no one will be able to afford. They recommended that we ask two questions when looking at any proposed healthcare solutions: Does it reduce costs, and does it help the private sector insure Pennsylvanians? The Insurance Federation knows that covering more people does not necessarily make the costs go down. We need to be realistic and not over-hype any proposed solution.

As many government programs have shown, they do not save money, and there is a continuing need to find new moneys to pay for them. Few government programs ever go away. The Pennsylvania Medical Society reported that Pennsylvania is one of the leading States in training new doctors and among the worst in retaining new doctors. We should not be losing our best and our

brightest, particularly as demand increases because of our aging population.

The Pennsylvania Medical Society also noted that the costs of waste in healthcare are staggering, over \$1 trillion per year. Behavioral issues such as obesity, being overweight, smoking, and alcohol abuse account for \$300 billion to nearly \$500 billion in healthcare costs. Clinical issues, like defensive medicine, preventable hospital readmissions, poorly managed diabetes, medical errors, unnecessary ER visits, treatment variations, hospital-acquired infections, and overprescribed antibiotics, account for another more than \$300 billion per year in unnecessary healthcare costs. Operational issues, claims processing, ineffective use of technology, staffing turnovers, and paper prescriptions account for another \$126 billion to \$315 billion in healthcare costs.

The hospital association warned against creating programs that do not cover actual costs. Reimbursement rates set by statutes simply do not work. Despite this warning, the House passed a healthcare plan that does this, which would result in additional problems for doctors and hospitals. Hospitals need doctors, and doctors need programs that work. Capital Blue Cross noted that other States are seeking to control costs with mandate-free products, more options for consumers, copays, and wellness programs with incentives and rewards. Pennsylvania may want to consider such things as small group reform, pilot programs with mandate-free products, and additional tort reforms.

The bottom line from these experts, Madam President, is that the solutions to our healthcare problems are neither simple nor one-size-fits-all. We need to be careful. More government is not the answer. We need to know what is possible and what is feasible. We need to know what the costs will be, both now and into the future. Otherwise, there will never be enough money, and the alternatives will be bleak: healthcare that does not work, rationed care, low quality, and higher taxes. Madam President, we need to heed the advice we have been given, beginning with the counsel to do no harm.

In conclusion, Madam President, I would just like to thank Senator Corman again for scheduling the meeting to discuss healthcare, and all the Members of the Senate for their continued interest in this important issue.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Folmer, for expressing your additional concerns for expanding healthcare in Pennsylvania.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I want to rise and commend the gentleman for the comments regarding a very important issue that we have here in Pennsylvania, all across our Commonwealth. That is the issue of healthcare. Just a couple of points I would like to make, and I think my colleague, Senator Stack, said it very eloquently as well. Madam President, a couple of points that were made relate to raising taxes down the road to pay for a program such as PA ABC or the Pennsylvania adultBasic program.

Last week, Madam President, I gave remarks on this Senate floor, where I spoke about some of the programs that we have adopted in Pennsylvania and that we have expanded in Pennsylvania to become more inclusive of individuals who need the opportunity to have coverage. Madam President, we talked first and foremost about our CHIP program, and then later we expanded our CHIP program to Cover All Kids. As I reported last week, Madam President, we are one of the leading States. Four percent of all of our kids are not covered, compared to other States, like Texas, which I think had 21 percent of their children uninsured in that particular State.

Madam President, we followed that up with a program that was part and parcel of all that discussion called adultBasic, a program that today insures over 50,000 individuals. Again, we have not implemented tax increases toward that end. We hope to be able to, at a minimum, expand it to 88,000 more individuals, those individuals who expressed their desire to pay for and be part of a program that provides basic healthcare coverage by participating in the adultBasic program. Madam President, we are working toward an end where we are able to try to reach those individuals to make certain that they are not in a position where they do not have healthcare coverage.

Most importantly, though, is the fact that we have concluded another day here in our State Senate, and we have not acted upon the issue of healthcare, nor have we acted upon the issue of energy that has been sitting over here as well. We have a number of issues, Madam President, that I think need our attention. I am hopeful that my colleagues continue to want to provide remarks to encourage our fellow colleagues to move forward on this very, very important legislation. We need to discuss it. We need to have dialogue. We need the opportunity to put into place a solution, a solution to a problem that clearly exists today in our Commonwealth.

He also made reference, very specifically, to unnecessary costs that exist in our healthcare delivery system. Madam President, I could not agree with him more. Madam President, as you well know, we have a number of things that we have already done here in the Senate, I should say in this General Assembly, in the last couple of years to try to address the issue of healthcare insurance, more specifically addressing the unnecessary expense, unnecessary costs, that we want to try to extract out from the system. As it relates to medical errors and hospital-acquired or healthcare-acquired infections, Madam President, we have a situation where about \$3.5 billion a year is unnecessary in Pennsylvania. The Governor has proposed putting together, and we are in the process of putting together, a task force that addresses the issue of chronic care and the management of chronic care patients in our Commonwealth, again, an opportunity to extract out of our system a significant amount of money.

More importantly, Madam President, portions of the chronic care program that the Governor wants to put into place are contained in Senate Bill No. 1137, which is before us in the Senate.

So, Madam President, I commend the gentlemen for speaking on this very important issue. I encourage my other colleagues in the General Assembly, here in the Senate and in the House, to continue the dialogue to be certain that when we conclude our discussions on June 30 or shortly thereafter—I hope it is before June 30—but Madam President, when we conclude our discussions here in this Senate relating to the budget, that we take the time in the month of June to consider legislation that is going to address the needs of some 750,000 Pennsylvanians who today

are not provided healthcare coverage, who, in most cases, want to be provided with healthcare coverage, and also find a way to address those 400,000-some folks who have either lost their healthcare coverage or their employer-sponsored coverage or have had it diminished significantly.

Madam President, I appreciate the opportunity to provide a few remarks this evening. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Costa, for also expressing your concerns on the lack of adultBasic healthcare coverage in Pennsylvania.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

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Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 872; and certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.	
	TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008		
9:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 2; Senate Resolutions No. 244 and 283)	Room 8E-B East Wing	
10:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 146)	Room 8E-A East Wing	
10:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on energy efficiency and demand side response programs)	Room 461 Main Capitol	
11:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 1400, 1401 and 1402)	Room 8E-B East Wing	
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 1124 and 1203; and House Bills No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 958, 1511, 1664 and 1845)	Room 8E-B East Wing	
11:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Senate Bills No. 1390, 1391; and Senate Resolutions No. 321 and 327)	Room 8E-A East Wing	
12:30 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider the nomination of James W. Martin for State Civil Service Commission; and Senate Bills No. 346, 1146, 1227 and 1392) CANCELLED	Rules Cmte. Conf Rm.	
	WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008		
9:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on the State Board of Education's	Room 461 Main Capitol	

proposed regulation on graduation requirements and graduation competency assessments)

9:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint hearing with House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee on Title 35)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1261)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:30 A.M.	TASK FORCE ON GAMING COMMITTEE (to pursue the panel's goal of how to best address and enhance the existing PA gaming regulatory environment)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368 and 1369)	Maj. Caucus Room 156 Main Capitol

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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:17 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.